

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA  
BILLINGS DIVISION

MARIA DALBOTTEN,  
Plaintiff,

v.

C. R. BARD, INC. and BARD  
PERIPHERAL VASCULAR, INC.,

Defendants.

Case No. 1:20-cv-00034-SPW

**ORDER ON PLAINTIFF'S  
MOTION IN LIMINE TO  
EXCLUDE EVIDENCE OF  
BARD'S CURRENT AND  
FORMER EMPLOYEES AND  
WITNESSES**


Before the Court is Plaintiff Maria Dalbotten's Motion in Limine to Exclude Evidence of Personal Traits of Bard's Current and Former Employees and Witnesses. (Doc. 240). Plaintiff seeks a pretrial ruling excluding evidence regarding or commenting upon witnesses' religious beliefs, family or marital status, socioeconomic status, and relationships, among other things. (Doc. 241). The Court denies the motion. Defendants, as well as Plaintiff, are allowed to introduce their witnesses to the jury, and that introduction may include biographical data including the above areas of inquiry, with the exception of religious beliefs.

Obviously, Federal Rule of Evidence 610 precludes evidence of a witness's religious beliefs from being used to support or attack their credibility, and the Court will enforce that rule, as it will enforce all the Federal Rules of Evidence and

Civil Procedure. The parties are cautioned against delving unnecessarily far into a witness's background beyond what is necessary to introduce that witness to the jury, but they will not be barred from eliciting simple personal details.

Accordingly, the motion (Doc. 240) is DENIED.

DATED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023.

  
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SUSAN P. WATTERS  
United States District Judge